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SHARE IN GLOBAL BIO-MEDICINE MARKET
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite availability of huge biological resources in the country our share in global market of bio-medicine is quite negligible;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government for increasing the share of bio-medicine of the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b): International market of Medicinal Plant Products is about US$62 billion per year, out of which Indian share is Rs.616.52 crores.

(c): The following steps have been taken to increases exports:

(a) The Government has established National Medicinal Plant Board for integrated development of medicinal plant sector.

(b) Department of Bio-technology has also support research and development project on medicinal and aromatic plants used in the country.

(c) Govt. is also supporting industry to participate in International Trade Fairs to exhibit their products.

(d) Labelling provisions have been relaxed

(e) Laboratory facilities are being expanded.

(f) Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) have been notified.

(g) Market survey has been supported.